

## CLAIMS

I claim:

- 1        1. A skidsteer lock, comprising:
  - 2            a base plate having a front surface, the base plate being
  - 3 adapted for attachment to the skidsteer;
  - 4            first and second sleeves extending normal to the front
  - 5 surface of the base plate;
  - 6            a storage sleeve disposed on the front surface of said base
  - 7 plate;
  - 8            a locking assembly disposed on said first sleeve, the
  - 9 locking assembly having a locked configuration and an unlocked
  - 10 configuration; and
  - 11            a U-bar having an arcuate portion and first and second
  - 12 parallel legs extending from the arcuate portion, the legs being
  - 13 removably inserted in said first and second sleeves, the legs
  - 14 being adapted for receiving a control lever of the skidsteer there
  - 15 between, the U-bar being retained by said locking mechanism when
  - 16 the legs are inserted in said first and second sleeves and said
  - 17 locking assembly is in the locked configuration.

1           2.   The skidsteer lock according to claim 1, wherein said  
2 locking assembly comprises a housing disposed on said first  
3 sleeve and a lock mechanism disposed within the housing, the lock  
4 mechanism being movable between a locked position and an unlocked  
5 position.

1           3.   The skidsteer lock according to claim 2, wherein said  
2 lock mechanism is a combination lock mechanism.

1           4.   The skidsteer lock according to claim 3, wherein said  
2 combination lock mechanism has a changeable combination.

1           5.   The skidsteer lock according to claim 1, wherein said  
2 locking assembly further comprises a latch member extendible into  
3 said first sleeve when said locking assembly is in the locked  
4 configuration.

1           6.   The skidsteer lock according to claim 5, wherein at  
2 least one notch is formed in the first leg of said U-bar, whereby  
3 said latch member engages with the slot when the legs are  
4 inserted in said first and second sleeves and said locking  
5 assembly is in the locked configuration.

1           7.   The skidsteer lock according to claim 1, further  
2 comprising means for removably securing one of the legs of said  
3 U-bar in said storage sleeve.

1        8. The skidsteer lock according to claim 1, further  
2 comprising means for attaching said base plate to the safety cage  
3 of the skidsteer.

1           9. A skidsteer lock, comprising:  
2           a base plate having a front surface, the base plate being  
3 adapted for attachment to the skidsteer;  
4           first and second sleeves extending normal to the front  
5 surface of the base plate;  
6           a storage sleeve disposed on the front surface of said base  
7 plate;  
8           a U-bar having an arcuate portion and first and second  
9 parallel legs extending from the arcuate portion, the legs being  
10 removably inserted through the first and second sleeves, the first  
11 and second legs being adapted for receiving a control lever of the  
12 skidsteer there between; and  
13           means for locking said first and second legs within said  
14 first and second sleeves in order to restrict movement of the  
15 control lever.

1           10. The skidsteer lock according to claim 9, further  
2 comprising means for removably securing one of the legs of said U-  
3 bar in said storage sleeve.

1           11. The skidsteer lock according to claim 9, further  
2 comprising means for attaching said base plate to a safety cage of  
3 the skidsteer.

1           12. The skidsteer lock according to claim 9, wherein each of  
2 the U-bar legs has a distal end passing through said base plate  
3 when the legs are inserted through the sleeves, said means for

4 locking comprising a lock mechanism removably attached to the  
5 distal end of at least one of the U-bar legs.